

Medicare bus will tour southwest Georgia to help Medicare beneficiaries sign-up for new Medicare prescription drug plans

ALBANY, GEORGIA. During the week of Monday, November 28 through Friday December 2, 2005 Congressman Sanford Bishop and the Medicare Bus will be touring the Second Congressional District of Georgia, with representatives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Georgia Cares to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

"Our previous town hall meeting revealed an overwhelming demand for practical advice in selecting a prescription drug plan," said Congressman Bishop. "With the state of the art Medicare bus and eight locations throughout the district, these information sessions should provide the level of counseling that seniors and Medicare beneficiaries are looking for."

The program will provide an overview of the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, as well as an opportunity for beneficiaries to get individual assistance in selecting their plans. Seniors should bring their Medicare cards and a list of their prescriptions or their pillboxes to the forum. They should also be prepared to consider their drug costs as well as preferred pharmacies and providers.

The information and sign-up sessions will be held inside the following locations, where the bus will be on-hand:

Monday, November 28, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Albany, Georgia

Albany Technical College, Kirkland Conference Center, 1704 S. Slappey Boulevard, Albany, Georgia

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Moultrie, Georgia

Moultrie Technical College, 361 Industrial Drive, Moultrie, GA. 31788

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Thomasville, Georgia

Southwest Georgia Technical College, 15689 U.S. HWY 19 North, Building A, Room 132, Thomasville, Georgia

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Valdosta, Georgia

Valdosta State University, Magnolia Room, 1500 North Patterson Street, Valdosta, Georgia

Thursday, December 1, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Bainbridge, Georgia

AGRI-Center - Fairgrounds, Chamber #1 Building, 1213 Vada Road, Bainbridge, Georgia

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Cairo, Georgia

AGRI-Center Farmers Market, 65 11th Ave, Cairo, Georgia

Friday December 2, 2005

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Columbus, Georgia

Chattahoochee Valley Regional Public Library - Main Branch, 3000 Macon Road, Columbus, Georgia.

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Americus, Georgia

Georgia Southwestern University, Continuing Education Center, Room 100, 801 Wheatley Street, Americus, Georgia 31709

Medicare beneficiaries as well as healthcare workers and senior advocates are encouraged to attend the forum. More information is available at <http://bishop.house.gov> or during normal business hours call, (Albany office) (229) 439-8067, (Columbus office) (706) 320-9477 or (Valdosta office) (229)247-9705, after business hours you may call, (229) 886-4776 or (703)795-6632.